

FISCAL UPDATE News Article

Fiscal Services Division
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The Executive Council met on Monday, July 25, 2016. The following are highlighted agenda items approved by the Council:

- The lowa Department of Human Services requested the Executive Council (Council) approve funds totaling \$200,000 for recent storm damage in the counties of Benton and Wright. The Department also requested an additional \$20,000 to cover storm damage in Webster County. This brought the total amount approved to \$220,000. The money is used by individuals or families to replace/repair items affected by the disaster emergency that cannot be met by other means of financial assistance pursuant to House File 896, section 1 (Disaster Grant Fund Act).
- The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, requested the Council approve retention of outside legal counsel to provide legal services to the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding a trademark logo in connection with the Medicaid Managed Care program. The Attorney General estimates a total cost of \$1,400 to prepare the necessary documents. Outside counsel will be paid at an hourly rate of \$390 for any work necessary beyond the initial base pay. Under the terms of the contract, the DHS will pay for fees and costs associated with this project.
- The Department of Public Safety (DPS), ISP District #2, Osceola, requested the Council approve an
 emergency allocation and payment of \$7,950 to cover damage incurred from an April 8, 2016, rain
 storm. The State Auditor's Office has also reviewed the request and recommends the allocation and
 subsequent payment of the request.
- The Executive Council also approved approximately \$20,480 in payment of cost items. Approximately \$12,300 of this total will be paid from the Tobacco Settlement Authority. The remainder of the costs are specified to be paid out by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), the Department of Revenue (DOR), and the State General Fund.

Additional Information. Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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